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India Bishop Shows Films of Diocese

All Saints was honored on December 2 by a visit from the Rt. Rev. Joseph A. Rosario, M.S.F.S., Bishop of Amravati, India. His Excellency brought with him three films which depicted life in his diocese.

Bishop Rosario contrasted the differences between the teenagers of Amravati and those of the United States. Indian teenagers do not generally participate in a social life until they have completed school. In some Hindu tribes the practice of childhood betrothals still exists. The subjects taught in their schools are the same as in America, but India has fewer commercial high schools.

The Bishop was very edified during his American visit by the interested displayed by both faculty and students towards religious vocations. "These films are India's past," he explained, "for the future—well, come and see for yourselves!"

His Excellency presented Anne-Marie Kirmse, editor of the FLAME, with his card and the following inscription directed to all the students, "A humble blessing to all the girls of All Saints."

Seniors Received Into ASAA

The Seniors of all Saints took another step towards graduation by being initiated into the All Saints Alumnae Association. This event was held in the auditorium on November 17.

The students of All Saints provided the evening's entertainment. A fashion show was held in order to display charming styles of dress which were also "Mary-like" in design. Many of the outfits were obtained from Goodwin's, while part of the show consisted of dresses from the personal wardrobes of the models.

The highlight of the show was the Bridal Party. The gowns were from Angie's Bridal Store in Ridgewood. The "Brides" were arrayed in two lovely gowns. One was a lace dress, cocktail length, while the other was a traditional full length gown. The attendants presented four different styles of bridesmaid outfits. Ann-Marie Kirmse of the 4A-1 is to be commended on the show.

'Mikado' Plays To 'SRO' Houses

Capacity audiences filled All Saints' Auditorium on the nights of December 8, 9, and 10 for the student presentations of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado."

The cast headed by Linda Melosardoff and Florence Irise as Yum-Yum and Nanki-Poo, deserved the thunderous applause they received for their sparkling performances. Patricia Mroz as Ko-Ko proved herself an excellent comic and quite skillfully stole the show along with her accomplice, Sabina Tullo, as Pooh-Bah. Brilliant costumes and set designs completed a most enjoyable and polished entertainment.

The expert direction of Sister Maria Francesca accounted for the smooth unfolding of the action, while the piano accompaniment of Sister Mary Douglas rounded out the vocal enjoyment.

Also to be congratulated for its performances before the play, is the school orchestra and band which played selections from the "Mikado."

World's Finest Drive Tops Mark

Approximately 14,000 bars of the World's Finest candy were sold in the annual candy drive which began on November 17 and ended on the 25. Its purpose was to help increase the school building fund.

Each girl received 24 bars of candy to sell. All the classes who reached their quota were rewarded by having a day off.

"The World's Finest chocolate for the world's finest school," was the motto of each girl as she loyally sold the candy to her family and friends.

CIP Course Completed

The Catholic Institute of the Press completed its 14th Annual School of Journalism on November 20 with graduation exercises held at Cathedral High School in New York. Among the 500 graduates were Teresa Civello and Leona Plaketta of the Flame staff.

The purpose of the CIP sponsored classes is to introduce students to the techniques of journalistic writing. It tries to reach boys and girls interested in the field as a career and to give them basic principles in news reporting and copy handling.

"The course was interesting, and a lot of fun," quotes Leona. "I agree," states Teresa, "even though I had to miss '77 Sunset Strip' on T.V."

Parent-Student Dances Set; Two Building Funds to Benefit



Left to right: Florence Long, Loretta Bilecka, Margaret Rimbeck, Carol Ann Borden, and Sister Martin Joseph confer on plans for the dance.

Four Monster Parent-Student Dances will be sponsored by All Saints during January and February for the benefit of the Dominican Sisters Building Fund and the Pallotine Fathers Building Fund.

Four Family Nights

The Freshmen Dance will be held on Tuesday, January 13; the Sophomore affair on Thursday, January 15. The date of the Junior Dance is Tuesday, February 3; the Seniors will sponsor theirs on Thursday, February 5. As the families and friends of the students have been cordially in-

ited to attend, the dances will, in actuality, be "family nights." The local boys high schools have also been invited, and music for all age groups will be supplied by the Jovinaires.

Student Committees

Rev. Amalio E. Greco, S.A.C. and S. Martin Joseph, moderators of the dances, announced Carol Ann Angeli 4A' and Christine Penoski 4A' as the co-chairmen of the Dance Committee. This committee is composed of two representatives of very class, chosen by the official teachers. The responsibility for the smooth running of all the dances falls to these girls, who are working very hard to make them in every way successful. However, the major part of the success of the dances depends upon the student body, who are required to sell five tickets at two dollars apiece. All the girls are really striving to do their share, and are thus trying to show their deep gratitude to the Dominican Sisters and Pallotine Fathers.

Holiday Reward

Competition among the four years is very keen, as each is determined to win the prize of a free day. The holiday will be awarded on the basis of the best all-around enthusiastic preparation, including the number of tickets sold, the advertising posters, and auditorium decorations.

The proceeds of the dances will go towards the building of the Dominican Novitiate at Amityville, Long Island, and the building of a seminary at Sag Harbor, Long Island, for the training of girls and boys who wish to devote their lives to the service of God.

Glee Club Sings Cantata

This Christmas season brings a welcome repetition of the annual Glee Club Christmas Program, *This Is Noel*, a carol cantata. It will be sung for the student body and faculty on December 22nd.

Some of the selections in the cantata, which was composed by Katherine Davis, are as follows: "Come, Singing Noel"; "As Joseph Was A/Walking"; "The Shepherds"; "The Angels"; "The Three Kings"; "Mary's Lullaby."

The cantata, which is a collection of choruses, solos, and recitatives arranged dramatically and accompanied by a piano or organ, was directed by Miss Eileen Ernst. Sister Mary Li-guori is the moderator.

Guess Wins Camera

Using her woman's intuition, Josephine Jonke 2A'-203 won a Bell and Howell motion-picture camera and projector on the "Anybody Can Play" television show.

The contest consisted of choosing the order of finish and the ages and weights of the four contestants appearing on the show. Josephine was one of the ten who guessed closest to the correct statistics.

The editors and staff of

The Flame

wish to extend their

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to

Rev. Peter Cammillucci, S.A.C.

Rev. Sister

M. Gertrude Magdalen, O.P.

Rev. Sister Marie Corita, O.P.

the parish priests

the devoted faculty

the indispensable lay assistants

and

to the student body of

All Saints

May you all have a

very holy and happy Christmas

and a

prosperous New Year

Private Secretaries Get Practice

A Secretarial Practice Course for seniors has been introduced as an alternate to Office Practice this term.

The main purpose of Secretarial Practice is to train students to become secretaries, rather than stenographers. To achieve this, emphasis is placed on transcription and by June the girls will have built up a dictation rate of at least 120 words per minute and a typing speed of at least 80 words per minute. No student who failed the Transcription Regents will obtain credit for this course. Although transcription is also taught in Office Practice, the emphasis there is on the use of office machines.

This year Secretarial Practice is being offered on a trial basis. If approved by the State Regents Board, it will become a standard part of the curriculum next September.

Flame Staff Tours Eastern Press; See Paper Through Printing Process



Left to right: Roseanne Mahon, Marie Ciuffo, Anne Marie Kirmse. Top: Leona Plaketta.



Left to right: Michalena Siracusa, Cecilia Smurzynski, Marie Lamia, Lillian Savoretti. Top: Katherine Poma.

School Calendar

December 22	.....	Glee Club Recital
December 23	.....	January 5.....Recess
January 13	.....	Parent-Freshman Dance
January 15	.....	Parent-Sophomore Dance
January 19	.....	Term Examinations
February 3	.....	Parent-Junior Dance
February 5	.....	Parent-Senior Dance
February 7	.....	Co-op Entrance Test
February 12	.....	Lincoln's Birthday Holiday

No Room in the Inn

"And she (Mary) brought forth her firstborn son . . . and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Thus St. Luke describes perhaps the saddest event in history, the birth of the Son of God, the King of Kings, in a humble stable.

Bethlehem was a thriving town filled with citizens registering for the census at the time Christ was born. These people spent the eve of the Nativity in a festive spirit of excessive gaiety and merrymaking. So absorbed were they in their own pleasures, that they failed to grasp the significance of the night.

And so it is today. There is no room for the Infant Savior in the inns of many human hearts. The celebration of His birthday has become so commercialized that many still fail to recognize the true meaning of Christmas Day. Santa Claus, the giving of presents, the Yule Log, the sending of greeting cards, and even the Christmas tree are all traditions deeply rooted in Christianity; yet in recent years their significance in regard to the Nativity has been lost. It is our obligation to develop the true spirit of Christmas now, so that we may practice it earnestly in the future.

Each year Our Lord comes to us in the form of a mere Babe, begging us to receive Him into our hearts. If we but take one step in the direction of His Crib, He will lovingly extend His Hands to us, and draw us close to His Heart.

We Pass This Way But Once

The past was once the future, and our future will be past before we realize it. While we are looking forward to the New Year, let us look in retrospect over 1958.

How many of the resolutions that you made in January, 1958 have you actually carried through? Were you as attentive to your religion as you should have been? Did you make your home happier by refraining from arguments and sharp words, by placing your desires second to those of others? Was your schoolwork as good as it should have been? Did you enter enthusiastically into school affairs and activities?!!

If the answer to the above questions is "Yes", then your was a happy and prosperous year. But if the answer is "No", resolve now to be a better teenager in 1959.

We hope that you will take the following New Year's Message to heart. Adopt it as your code of conduct and then your life will truly be one of a succession of happy and prosperous New Years. "Any good that you can do, any kindness that you can show, do it now. Do not defer or neglect it. For you shall pass by this way but once."

Scrooge Meets the T.B. Fighters

Scrooge angrily calls his secretary, Bob Cratchit. "Return these T.B. Christmas Seals at once! Money, money, money, everybody wants money!"

Bob took the seals. "Sir, may I have Christmas Eve off? My son, Tiny Tim, comes home from the tuberculosis sanitarium, and I want to be with him as much as possible."

"Christmas Eve off! I should say not! Now get back to work."

Nearing his home that evening, Scrooge suddenly saw an image of his dead partner, Jacob Marley. To dispel it, he rushed upstairs and locked the door. But the image remained.

"Do not be afraid, Scrooge," said Jacob. "I have come to warn you, that you may not suffer the same fate as I. In life I never realized of contributing to the T.B. appeals, but now I do. My punishment is to make this known to you mortals, and I have brought with me three visions to make this point clearer."

The first ghost symbolized the millions of lives that were taken by T.B. in past, many needlessly. The lack of funds for research, skilled technicians, and co-operation of the public accounted for these fatalities. The second vision, that of the present, showed T.B. as it stands today. The use of the X-Ray and patch test, higher living standards, and medical skill and leaders have greatly reduced the mortality rate.

"I have decided to withhold the third vision from you," Jacob said. "You and your fellowmen have the responsibility of making the future for yourselves, of improving on the progress that has been made."



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You Don't Say...

Santa's chore is a BIG one this year! Question: What do you want most for Christmas?

My front tooth that I cracked while eating pretzels.

Anne Dell Aquila 2B'

A horse and saddle.

Betty Nunziata 3B'

Ed. Note: You had better ask for a ranch too, otherwise mother won't be very happy about the idea.

A charge account at A & S.

Gloria Locascio 2A-2

A Tiny Tear doll with black hair and a pink dress.

Lucille Wysocki 1A-4

Ed. Note: How sweet. I hope Santa brings it.

I'd like a real, live dachhund.

Patricia Barney 1A-5

A pink Cadillac with a blond, curly-haired driver.

Claire Szczecina 4A-2

Ed. Note: . . . Dream on.

A soldier 6 ft. tall, brown hair, brown eyes, named RANDY.

Jackie Trani 4A-2

I would love a Loughlin Senior ring from a certain somebody.

Catherine Corr 4A'

I want Ricky Nelson and a free trip to "Lonesome Town."

Maureen O'Keefe 2A-4

Ed. Note: I don't thing Sr. Gertrude Magdalen would grant you a leave of absence.

A Long Island City school ring would go nicely with my new Chirstmas outfit.

Mary Anne Mankiewicz 4A-2

I want my six conducts tickets or a Student Council button.

Lena Curcio 2A-2

Ed. Note: I think you'll have to loose quite a few tickets less, if you want to be a Student Counselor.

A watch, fur-lined boots, a raincoat, and a red motorcycle.

Kathleen Orr 1A-2

Ed. Note: That last would present a problem because All Saints' has parking facilities for the faculty only.

Letter to the Editor

Student Council Replies

December 3, 1958

Dear Editor:

At your request, we the members of the Student Council, wish to express our opinion on the article, "Is Student Council Responsible?" which appeared in the last publication of the "Flame." You are to be commended on the article because it was a free expression of the thoughts of the "Flame." However, we feel that its publication was badly timed, since the article was written at a time when the new Student Counselors were unfamiliar with the governing system of the school.

You as well as the students of All Saints will agree that introducing a Student Counselor to her task requires a certain amount of time, awareness of her responsibilities, and planning, in order that she may do her job well. If some of us were guilty of infractions of school laws it was due to the fact that we failed to realize that not only were we students of All Saints but were to be the ideal All Sainster by which other students were

Jacob then departed, leaving Scrooge to ponder his words.

The next morning, Scrooge called Bob into his office. "Call the Tuberculosis Association and ask them to return the seals. Also, send them this check to help finance their many lifesaving projects. And, Bob, take Christmas Eve off."

As Tiny Tim said on that Christmas Day, "God Bless Us, Everyone," especially those who help to conquer T.B.



From the Bookshelf

A Rose Is a Rose

One Red Rose for Christmas. By Paul Horgan. 96 pp. Longmans, Green & Company.

In this Christmas story two different people suffer the same torment, loneliness. One is an orphan, Kathie, the other, the Mother Superior of Mount Saint Kits, Mother Seraphim.

After Mother's twin, Sister St. Anne dies, the only thing that could bring happiness to Mother Seraphim would be to know whether her sister was in heaven or not. One day while in prayer, Sister Seraphim asks her twin to send her a sign if she were in Heaven. Her plea was "Send me a red rose." Little Kathie becomes Sister St. Anne's messenger in a strange way.

This story is truly one of sentiment which will appeal to anyone who has been lonely.

Man in Brown Serge Habit

The Man Who Sold Christmas. By Rosalie Lieberman. 128 pp. Longmans, Green & Co. \$2.00

In this very short novel, Rosalie Lieberman has tried to give us a true Christmas atmosphere. The main character, Brother Angelo, has had the most wonderful experience of speaking with God. God chooses Brother Angelo to try to convey the glorious feeling of Christmas to those who do not understand it. Brother succeeds in bringing it to four individuals.

One of these is a small boy who implores Brother to ask for a miracle and send him a pair of skates. This puts Brother in a predicament but with the help of God he succeeds.

This book should be enjoyed by all because of its freshness and originality.

Going Christmas Shopping?

The best place to do Christmas shopping is in the department store, which is a huge establishment containing everything ranging from an orange squeezer to a lost child. Now, this can be very amusing if you've to be measured.

We now realize that the Sisters have entrusted us with the two-fold task of acting as mediatory body between sisters, teachers and students and maintaining perfect order in the school. To them we give our thanks which we are trying to express not only in words but in the courtesies that make life more pleasant.

To the students we promise a fair governing system through an impartial Student Council Court and closer relations between Sisters and teachers and students. In return we ask to receive the respect due to a recognized authority.

Once again we the Student Counselors wish to thank the "Flame" for its frank and constructive criticism which has made us more aware of our grave responsibility.

Respectfully yours,
Members of the Student Council

left all valuable at home, don't get sick on elevators, adore sticky children, and lastly, have one or two days to recuperate.

We all have younger brothers, sisters, and cousins to play Santa for, so we were off to the eight floor and the notorious toy department. This department, by the way, should, in my opinion, be known as "The Eighth Wonder of the World." If you want an idea of complete chaos, picture the toy department on a Saturday afternoon two weeks before Christmas. There are about two or three hundred children in this department, twenty percent of them lost. The other eighty per cent are divided into two groups; those on the line leading to Santa Claus, and those who cannot see San-in for some reason or another and are showing their dissatisfaction by throwing tantrums. They are accompanied by their parents who are also divided into two groups; those who are immune to the noise made by their little darlings and those in a state of complete exhaustion, on the verge of nervous breakdown. Over the entrance of this department there should be a sign reading, "Abandon hope all ye who enter here."

If you're still brave enough to go ahead with your shopping the only thing I can say is "DON'T."

Keep Christ in Christmas

MID-TERM HONOR ROLL LISTS SCHOOL'S ELITE

The following students have maintained over 85% in average, 90% or over in conduct, and have no failure in any subjects:

SENIORS

(4A-1—202.) Audrey Dudek, 89.4%; Marie Falsetta, 87%; Mary-Ann Harleoksfsky, 87.4%; Ann Marie Kirmse, 92%; Nancy Lehman, 92%; Dorothy Miezwia, 90%; Catherine A. Mongiardo, 91%.

4A-2—O. P. Esther D. Vazquez, 96%; Gloria Zebrowski, 86%.

JUNIORS

3B-1 — 303, Gwendolyn Carson, 94%; Catherine Campbell, 87%; Maureen Crilly, 85%; Erika Handler, 90%; Frances Holessek, 85%; Carol Keating, 93%; Carol Martishek, 96%; Arline Massoni, 93%; Jessie Pellizi, 91%; Jessica Resinska, 92%; Veronica Schmaeling, 95%; Katherine Verbitzky, 89%.

3A-1—107, Louise Boasi, 87%; Barbara Carona, 89%; Marie Ciuffo, 88%; Joan Domanowska, 90.4%; Anne Donnellan, 85%; Clara Franz, 93%; Maureen Hughes, 86%; Catherine Jackman, 85%; Roseanne Mahon, 93%; Rose Ann Monteleone, 86.2%; Anne Petrosa, 87.6%; Leona Plaketta, 85.4%; Carol Ryczko, 88.6%; Theodora Szczypiorska, 91.3%; Barbara Whyte, 92.2%.

3A-2 — 306, Barbara Bogdanska, 86%; Eileen Carey, 85%; Theresa Civello, 94%; Judy Hipp, 89%; Jean Lichtenberg, 87%; Virginia McEvoy, 89%; Marilyn Moricca, 91%; Theresa Morici, 85%; Margaret Sheridan, 90%; Phyllis Vendittelli, 90%.

3A-3—302, Dorothy Gibleski, 95%; Lillie Mazzola, 91%; Joan Murphy, 94%; Geraldine Norris, 88%; Lorraine Razzis, 91%; Patricia Washback, 93%.

SOPHOMORES

2B-1 — 309, Katherine Balistreri, 89%; Patricia Kline, 92%; Linda Melosardoff, 90%; Elezabeth Schwarze, 91%.

2B-2 — 307, Carolyn Delehanty, 93%; Dolores Oelkrug, 86%; Josephine Triolo, 86%; Barbara Ulbrick, 89%.

2A-1 — 203, Marianna Alonzo, 88.5%; Kathleen Bock, 89.4%; Florence Catalanotto, 85.1%; Veronica Curcio, 85%; Carol Ann Di Angelis, 90.3%; Roseanne De Giacom, 85%; Mary Ann De Vita, 94.2%; Mary Esposito, 93.4%; Rose Ann Granese, 92%; Diane Healy, 93%; Josephine Jonke, 91%; Kathleen Knowles, 90%; Patricia Kolodziepki, 87.4%; Emma Landricina, 89.4%; Albina Marinconz, 86.4%; Arlene Meidenbauer, 90.2%; Rita Zuarante, 86.3%; Kathryn Parmeri, 86%; Patricia Petro, 86.1%; Bernadette Sadler, 85%; Eileen C.

S. Smith, 85.2%; Joan Speletic, 88%; Theresa Ann Villani, 93.2%.

2A-4—301, Donna Biamonte, 87%; Caroline Juleano, 91%; Emma Kobetitsch, 88%; Camille La Grande, 91%; Rosemary Leonard, 87%; Diana Lesak, 85%; Sonia Mascia, 85%; Eileen Minardi, 92%; Marianne Paskewicz, 93%; Rosemary Romano, 90%; Patricia Smith, 86%; Carolyn Szymczak, 91%.

2A-5 — 305, Paulette Benintendi, 85%; Kathleen Brennan, 87.1%; Janette Iannuzzi, 91.3%; Carolyn Jodice, 89.3%; Michaeline Lenkino, 85.4%; Agnes Marzouca, 85%; Antoinette Mazzella, 85%; Rita Mercurio, 85%.

2A-7 — 205, Maureen Ayres, 89%; Ida Barbarino, 87%; Carol Braddish, 86%; Rosemarie Carocciola, 88%; Josephine Chiocciariello, 92%; Joanne De Luca, 90%; Josephine Fink, 94%; Kathleen Kammerer, 94%; Jeanette Milone, 85%; Elsa Munoz, 86%; Mary Anne Pyne, 87%; Dorothy Rebori, 89%.

FRESHMEN

1A-1 — 109, Carmella Albertelli, 85%; Joan Agustine, 86.5%; Barbara Baranowski, 86.5%; Janet Beetz, 93%; Mary Jane Bodt, 85%; Rosemarie Capobianco, 96.4%; Theresa Conte, 86.1%; Nancy Cosie, 88.1%; Nancy De Stefano, 92.1%; Anne Griffin, 93%; Marilyn Hein, 93.4%; Virginia Kennedy, 85.2%; Barbara Kreshak, 93.5%; Evelyn Kump, 88.3%; Raphaela Lotito, 90.3%; Betty Musso, 85.4%; Geraldine Ruvolo, 89%; Dagmar Santangelo, 89%; Barbara Thompson, 89%; Karen Trembinski, 86%.

1A-2 — LAB, Geraldine Erfurt, 91.3%; Rose Ann Giuda, 91.6%; Barbara Lanigan, 85.4%; Patricia McLoughlin, 92.2%; Geraldine Morrissey, 86.4%; Carol Perfetto, 85%.

1A-3 — 304, Josephine Bongiovanni, 88%; Linda Bordin, 89%; Geraldine Cardinal, 90%; Ann Cashin, 93%; Anne Ciuffo, 89%; Lorraine Cegla, 92%; Carol Feeney, 92%; Margaret Jones, 87%; Elizabeth Petrosa, 89%; Mary Ann Mirabile, 88%; Mary Ann Messineo, 87%; Pat Zielinski, 85%.

1A-5 — 204, Nadine Orski, 89%; Rosemarie Pisano, 89%; Joanne Prusak, 91%.

After School . . .

Student Court Formed

A Student Court, comprised of Student Councillors, has recently been established. The Court decides the punishment of any All Sainter who loses two conduct tickets or who is continually disrespectful to Student Councillors.

Senior appointed to this judiciary body are: Chief Justice, Marie Sciametta; Court Clerk, Sabina Tullo; Associate Judges, Carol Angeli, Christine Barr, Rose D'Amato, Helen Oberg, and Barbara O'Brien.

Junior Librarians Elect

The Student Library Association, under the direction of Sister Kieran, has resumed its duties with the election of Anne-Marie Kirmse, President; Mary Di Russo, Vice-President; and Angela Polo, Secretary.

New members accepted into the S.L.A. are: Marie Calabretta, Angela Liotta, Hedwig Riesberg, Marilyn Ripitto, Marianne Seibel, and Marie Marra.

A new pin is being planned by the junior librarians to be adopted as their insignia.

?Hablemos Espanol?

The first Spanish Club in All Saints has been formed with Sister James Celeste as moderator. This club is open to all Juniors and Seniors who average 75% and over in their examinations.

The purpose of the club is to help the girls gain an added interest in their Spanish and to learn the background and culture of Spanish-speaking countries. Excursions to Spanish museums and restaurants and presentation of Spanish movies are planned for the spring of next semester.

The newly-elected officers include: President, Esther Vaquez; Vice-President, Rose Di Novi; Secretary, Catherine Mongiardo; and Treasurer, Theodora Szczypiorska.

All girls are invited to join the Spanish Club, provided they meet the requirements. So a word of advice to those who don't, ¡Estudien mucho!

Need Vocational Help?

Some students in A.S.C. are not aware that they have a guidance counselor, who is available to them to answer the many questions concerning vocational guidance, details on college and business opportunities available. This busy person is Miss Mary Fitzpatrick.

Miss Fitzpatrick has been vigorously planning, for all the Juniors and Seniors who are interested, trips to colleges and business institutions.

On Thursday, November 26, the girls attended conferences at St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, on Friday, November 27, students listened to lectures given at St. Joseph's College for Women and in the near future all those interested may attend a conference at New York Life Insurance Company, where there will be a showing of all the newest business machines.

Aside from attending lectures at other schools, for the students who are interested, Miss Fitzpatrick is planning to bring discussions here. These discussions will concern themselves with improving personality, conducting oneself when applying for a job and writing a letter of application. These informal meetings will be held once a week between 8:30 and 9:00 in the morning in the school library.

SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

Student Leaders



Jessie Pellizi—3B
President of C. S. M. C.

This brown eyed Italian cutie is President of the Catholic Students Mission. Jessie is at her best when doing work for the missions. Her ambition is to become a "very good secretary." She likes rock and roll, but prefers ballads. Jessie also enjoys Perry Como and, of course, Italian food.

Marie Schmidt—4A-2
President of Leo Honor

Marie Schmidt, President of Leo Honor, is positively an asset to A. S. C. Besides being a member of the Leo Honor, Marie also belongs to the school orchestra and is a member of the Legion of Mary and the Student Council. After graduation she hopes to attend State Teachers College. Marie likes reading, needlework, and sports of any kind. She dislikes all Italian food.



Hertha Papesh—4A-1
Editor of Yearbook

An energetic, hardworking girl best describes our yearbook editor Hertha Papesh. Aside from giving her all to the yearbook, Hertha is also a member of the Student Council. In her spare time she enjoys listening to music and she likes are. Her ambition is to attend college. When asked her favorite food, Hertha's reply was, "rabbit stew." Isn't it everybody's?



Mary Anne Mankiewicz—4A-1
Co-editor of Yearbook

You think you're busy, well listen to this. Mary Ann Mankiewicz, besides being co-editor of the Yearbook, is Vice-President of C. S. M. C, a Student Councillor, and a member of the Dance Committee. In her spare time, Mary Ann enjoys ice skating, dancing, rock and roll, and Pat Boone. Mary Ann hopes to attend St. John's University.



Fashions for Fun

To look fashionable this season will not be difficult. Anything goes! Wools, velveteens, and washable jerseys in solids, tweeds, and the very becoming paisleys are stirring up the material fields. Colors are bright and striking. Hemlines have been altered, waistlines lowered and raised all to suit the wearer. The empire look, modified sack, and pleats rank high in the fashion field. At any rate, the long, lean look presides.

For Christmas be in style with a suit which is both attractive and comfortable. Its long jacket and warmly-lined interior will prepare you for the coldest of days.

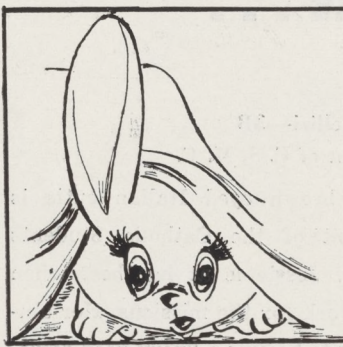
The holiday seasons means parties and dances. A dress of eyelet embroidered taffeta, with dainty scallops from neckline to hem, will definitely put you in a party mood. The matching satin sash forms a large bow in back. This dress is extremely lovely in white.

Also, a little inexpensive item that would be perfect for holiday parties is a nylon lace, head scarf. It protects that special hair-do and does not take away, but adds to the rest of your ensemble.

MISTLETOE is a parasite with lots of little parasites under it.

"CHRIST IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM."





Heard By Harvey

Santa Claus Industries, Inc.
Below Zero Avenue
Iceberg 2, North Pole
Dear Mr. Claus:

In regard to A. S. C.'s annual Christmas order, it is requested that you furnish us with the following gifts with the conditions listed below...

Name tags for the Balistreri twins so people will stop getting them confused... Mary Jean Meyers wants a white Cadillac, (who doesn't?)... To Josephine Katcher, please send a picture frame to accompany her life size photo of a fox... Clare Franza, a car coat made from cat fur... Mary Lou Keaveny, a new set of seat covers for George's car... Joann Shinnars, a bottle of guaranteed freckle-remover... Margaret Gorch, an alarm clock, that really works... To Joan Murphey, an unlimited supply of pennies for the gum machine... Barbara O'Brien, is very practical, she just wants "MONEY"... Lois Lahiff, a solid gold tuba... Maureen Spruyt, a reserved seat on the 7:45 "GG."

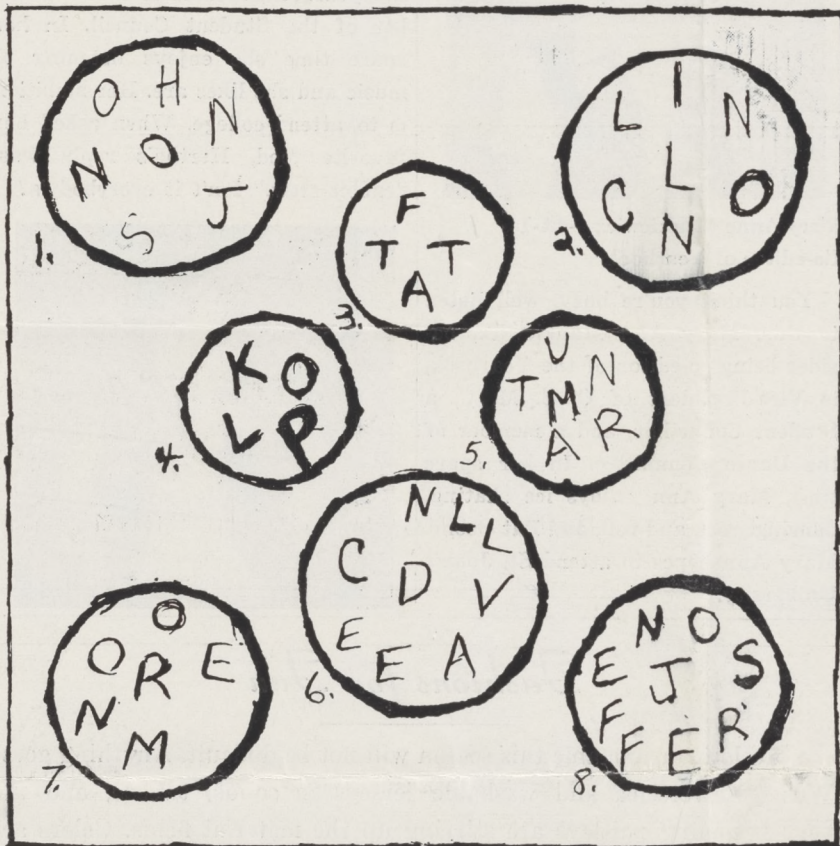
Lorraine Smith, someone six feet tall to wear on her arm... Maureen Crilly, a one way trip to Connecticut... Gloria Kerchinski, one microphone, Dee McGivern, a "Jack Rabbit"... Seri Ruggieri, one half pound of cheese, Mary Troganski, a can of spinach... Judy Gough, a "Tom-Tom"... June Cuccurillo just wants a Diploma... Seniors want their class rings... and finally to the FLAME editor, a staff which meets all deadlines.

Me? Well Santa, I'd like a big bunch of carrots!

Kindly deliver the items on the above list on Christmas Day. Payment will be made on the sixth Sunday in December.

A big bunny hug to you,
Harvey

Do You Know Your Presidents?



1. I was an honest but accused man. I tried to reconstruct the South after the Civil War in the manner Abe Lincoln wished but my enemies tried to impeach me. They failed.
2. Though I was born in poverty, I rose to the highest position in the United States Government.
3. During my term, I discovered many unlawful practices in industry and became known as a "trust-buster."
4. "Fifty-four Forty or Fight" was my campaign slogan which won me the Presidency.
5. As Vice-President during Franklin Roosevelt's term, I succeeded him when he died. I signed the 22nd Amendment.
6. I was the only president to have two terms that were interrupted.
7. I passed a doctrine that told other countries to "keep hands off" American lands.
8. I was the third president of U.S.

Joke??

The hunter was ready to shoot the lion when suddenly he learned there were no bullets in the gun. He knelt down in fright and waited for the inevitable. Nothing happened. On looking up, he saw the lion on his knees praying. "Mr. Lion," said the hunter, "I didn't know you were Catholic. But I see you saying your night prayers, as every good Catholic does."

The lion replied, "They're not my night prayers. It's my grace before meals."

Disc Twists

Just Young Jack Benny
Beep Beep Two Toots
World Outside Number 48739816 D
Lonesome Town Night Clubbers
Queen of the Hop Wallflower Sisters
A House, A Car, A Three Creditors
Wedding Ring
Problems, Problems
History Repeaters
The Day the Rains Came
Four Picknickers
Call Me Alexander G. Bell
Topsy Part II Little Eva

Short Stories...

The Visitor

It was a very cold day with the snow piling up to a freezing height. Christmas was near and people scurried to and fro buying gifts and exchanging Holiday greetings with all they met.

While all this was going on outside, a little old man was busy repairing worn shoes in a tiny shop. Every day he would do the same thing over and over again, but he performed his tasks uncomplainingly. One night compensate his patience and understanding, Our Lord had promised him in a dream that the next day He would visit him.

The following day the little old man worked all the harder to get his work completed to be ready for the Visitor. In the process of his busy afternoon, the shoemaker saw a young woman with a baby in her arms standing in the cold snow. The old man knew that he had work to do and although he would have preferred doing it, charity got the better of him and he asked the woman and her child inside to warm themselves by the fire.

Late in the evening the woman left and the little shop bell tinkled no more that night. The old man went to bed bewildered and sad wondering why Our Lord had not come. That night the shoemaker had another dream telling him that the baby in the woman's arms was the Christ-child, and if he had not been so charitable he would not have had the great privilege of seeing Him.

Josephine Jonke, 2A'-203

Essay ---

Familiar Traditions

What would Christmas be like without the many traditions that have been built around it? Year after year passes, and these customs still live on.

The very word "Christmas" originates from an English term "Christes Masse" meaning Christ's Mass. Christmas is almost inconceivable without the presence of the evergreens. Each plant has its own special meaning. Mistletoe is a symbol of Christ, the Wivine Healer of Nations. Holly symbolizes that He was born to wear a crown of thorns. Clinging ivy means we have to cling to Our Lord to reach our eternal reward.

The Christmas tree was introduced in Germany in 1604. At that time, it was common to bring fruit trees indoors to induce them to bloom in winter. This idea spread throughout the whole world, and now plays an important part in the Christmas celebration.

Thor, the god of peasants, is said to have originated Santa Claus. St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, brings gifts in many European countries on the eve of his feast, December 6. The Dutch brought this custom with them to America, and the English changed his name to Santa Claus. The North Pole home and workshop, sleigh and reindeer, and the custom of sliding down chimneys are taken from the "Christmas Man," the Protestant personification of St. Nicholas.

This background on Christmas traditions may help to make the personal festivities more meaningful.

The Angel with the Inferiority Complex

There once lived, on one of the more remote clouds in heaven, an angel named Pierre. He had become known as the tiniest angel in heaven.

Because Pierre was so small it made it difficult for him to get ahead in the world (or heaven as it were). Pierre saw all the other angels, guardians and archangels, flying around heaven with their beautiful wings flapping while he sat on his cloud feeling inferior because of his size and, unable to fly because his wings were so tiny.

Pierre decided to get a "job." He didn't know how or when, but he was going to make something of himself. He went to the Lord and asked Him if he could become a guardian angel. Our Lord told him he was small he could hardly take care of himself, no less be a guardian angel to a little girl or boy on earth. After that he went to the professor of the celestial orchestra asking him if he might have a position as a trumpeter or harpist, but the reply was the same, "You are too small."

So Pierre feeling discouraged and more inferior to the other angels than even before went back to his cloud to live on it forever, as the smallest and most unknown angel in heaven.

Then a few days before Christmas there was a great search in heaven. The heavenly Christmas tree had been entirely decorated except for the angel on the top. The archangels and guardian angels searched all over heaven but they couldn't find an angel small enough for the top of the tree.

Now when Pierre heard this he went to the Lord and volunteered for the position, and this time the Lord consented. And as all the heavens rejoiced upon finding an angel for their Christmas tree, Pierre, the tiniest angel, lost his complex and became the TOP angel in Heaven on Christmas Eve for ever and ever and ever after.

ROSANNE MAHON 3A-1 107

Poetry ---

A Child is Born

The story is centuries old; it happened long ago.

On a night so bitter cold, with freshly fallen snow.

A manger was His bed, His mattress was of hay,

There was no pillow for His Head, no sluk on which to lay.

The babe was Jesus Christ Christ, whose will on earth is done.

Mary was His mother. God choose her to bear a Son.

Now, there was a nearby hillside where shepherds bed their sheep,

And ankels in the sky, awoke them from their sleep.

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo", the angels sang to God in praise,

And bade the shepherds come with them, and leave their flock to graze.

The shepherds came and offered gifts. They offered a lamb so small.

And with humble prayers from sincere hearts, they offered God their all.

Meanwhile, far across the land, some Wise Men saw a star.

And mounted on their camels, they followed it afar.

Now it is proclaimed; for all the world to know,

What happened on that starry night, long, long ago.

ELLEN BEARY 3A-1

Christmas Consecration

O Infant Savior, so humble, so small
I kneel at Thy crib to give Thee my
all.
I offer my hands to work for Thy
Fame—
And place all my wworks under Thy
Name.
I give Thee my soul, though sinful
in past,
Now to Thy law may I ever cling
fast.
I give Thee my life to rule as You
will,
Protect me from harm and from
every ill.
As proof of my love, I offer my
heart—
Possess it today, and never depart!
ANNE-MARIE KIRMSE 4A'-202

Recipe for Christmas

Take a quart of joy and gladness
With a peck of friends and kin
Add a dash of Christmas spirit
And toss some laughter in.
Take a large amount of giving
And spread it generously;
Read directions in the Cook Book
And mix them carefully.
Season well with happiness
Apply some wreaths of cheer,
And you'll have a batch of Christmas
To last you through the year.

KATHLEEN BRESLIN 1A-3 304

Do You Have It?

Do you see it?
Do you hear it?
No, you feel it,
Christmas Spirit.
On Christmas we give presents,
Send cards and greetings too.
But when we really think of it,
What good do these things do?
We say we know what Christmas
means,
It's the birth of Christ the King.
But do we really love Him,
And give Him everything?
We need not give material gifts
Or decorate a tree of pine.
It's something we possess inside,
And feel with heart, and soul, and
mind.

Rosanne Mahon, 3A-1

Buy Christmas Seals Fight T. B.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE

1. Johnson
2. Lincoln
3. Tati
4. Polk
5. Truman
6. Cleveland
7. Monroe
8. Jefferson